

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	Attorney No.: 31132. 237
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	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Serial No.: 10/799,178	§	
	§	Examiner: Reimers, Annette R.
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For: Technique and Instrumentation for	§	
Intervertebral Prosthesis Implantation Using		
Independent Landmarks		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Coincident with the filing of an RCE in the above-identified patent application, and in response to the Office action of October 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.